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Mr. William O. Chittick, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chittick,

I am deeply flattered by your letter suggesting that I be considered for the Professorship. I would find this a fascinating opportunity as I have always enjoyed the academic environment and the opportunity to work with young people. I am, however, of the opinion that I need more time as the Director of Central Intelligence to complete some tasks which I believe are important for our country. Moreover I feel obligated to continue in this position through the current Administration as long as the President so desires. Accordingly, the earliest I believe I could seriously contemplate your generous proposal would be January of 1981.

Assuming you wish to fill the post much sooner than that, I would like very much to commend to you someone whom I consider exceptionally well qualified. This is Ambassador James B. Engle, just recently retired from a career in our State Department. Ambassador Engle was a Rhodes Scholar and a Fulbright Fellow. During his service in the Department of State, he was awarded a Rockefeller Public Service Award and did further academic work at Cambridge University under this Award. He has served abroad in Latin America, in Africa, in Europe, and in the Far East. Much more importantly, I know Ambassador Engle to have an exceptionally fertile and imaginative mind to combine with his wide scope of practical experience in US foreign affairs. In short I believe that the combination of his academic background, his intellectual capabilities, and his practical experience would combine to offer his students a very balanced view of the foreign affairs scene and the process of formulating foreign policy. The Ambassador is out of the country at the moment and I have not been able to contact him, but here is a brief official resume. You may write to him at: The Honorable James B. Engle [redacted]

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Again I wish to express my personal appreciation for your expression of confidence in me. I wish I could respond more favorably but I feel obliged to remain in my present position at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stansfield Turner", written over a horizontal line.

STANSFIELD TURNER

Enclosure

cc: The Hon. James B. Engle *w/enclosure*